Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A method of providing account reconciliation for an account comprising the steps of:

matching a first charge to a first amount of a travel record, wherein a department code is associated with said travel record, and wherein said travel record includes said first amount and first data;

assigning said first charge to said department code;

associating a second charge with said first data of said travel record, wherein said travel record does not include said second charge, and wherein said second charge is associated with a change to said travel record; and,

assigning said second charge to said department code associated with said travel record.

~~receiving, at a computing device, a plurality of travel transactions relating to at least one of: an air carrier ticket, lodging, and car rental from a first database, wherein said first database is a Customer Reservations System (CRS) of a travel agent;~~

~~receiving, at said computing device and from a second database, a plurality of charge transactions relating to purchases made using a charge account, wherein said second database is at a transaction account management system;~~

~~storing said plurality of travel transactions and said plurality of charge transactions on a pending list within a database of said computing device;~~

~~matching said plurality of travel transactions and a plurality of charge transactions based upon first criteria, wherein said first criteria includes at least one of: account number, passenger name, transaction amount, booking fee, and ticket number;~~

~~determining a client cost center based on said match upon identifying said match between a travel transaction and a charge transaction;~~

~~identifying a near-match among said plurality of travel transactions and said plurality of charge transactions within a predetermined tolerance level based upon secondary criteria; and,~~

~~determining said client cost center based on said near-match between said travel transactions and said charge transactions.~~

2.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of <u>associating a second charge with said first data of said travel record</u> ~~matching said plurality of travel transactions and a plurality of charge transactions~~ comprises the steps of:

selecting <u>said second charge</u> ~~a charge transaction~~ from ~~said~~ <u>a</u> pending list;

identifying a match criteria on said <u>second</u> charge ~~transaction~~; and

searching ~~said~~ <u>a</u> plurality of travel ~~transactions for said first~~ <u>records based on said match</u> criteria.

Claims 3-4. (cancelled)

5.   (currently amended) The method of claim ~~3~~ <u>1</u>, wherein said <u>travel record relates to at least</u> ~~plurality of travel transactions comprise~~ one of<u>:</u> airline, lodging or rental car.

6.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

compiling ~~said~~ matches and ~~said~~ near-matches on an approved items list; and

generating a report from said compilation.

Claims 7-10   (cancelled)

11.   (currently amended) ~~A computer-implemented method~~ <u>An account reconciliation system</u> for reconciling a plurality of merchant records to a card account balance, said <u>system configured to</u> ~~method comprising~~:

<u>match a first charge to a first amount of a travel record, wherein a department code is associated with said travel record, and wherein said travel record includes said first amount and first data;</u>

<u>assign said first charge to said department code;</u>

<u>associate a second charge with said first data of said travel record, wherein said travel record does not include said second charge, and wherein said second charge is associated with a change to said travel record; and,</u>

<u>assign said second charge to said department code associated with said travel record.</u>

~~receiving, at an accounting database, merchant data pertaining to said plurality of merchant records, wherein said merchant data is received from a Computerized Reservations System (CRS) of a travel agent;~~

~~receiving, at said accounting database, card data pertaining to said card account balance, said card account balance comprising a plurality of charge transactions corresponding to said plurality of merchant records, wherein said card account balance is received from a financial account issuer;~~

~~preprocessing said merchant transactions and said charge transactions to remove from said pending list, a debit value and a credit value which are offsetting transactions;~~

~~matching said plurality of merchant records and said plurality of charge transactions based upon first criteria, wherein said first criteria includes at least one of: account number, passenger name, transaction amount, booking fee, and ticket number;~~

~~determining a client cost-center based on said match upon identifying a match between a travel transaction and a charge transaction;~~

~~adding said matched travel transaction and charge transaction to a list of merchant record matches;~~

~~identifying a near-match among said plurality of merchant transactions and said plurality of charge transactions within a predetermined tolerance level based upon secondary criteria; and,~~

~~determining said client cost-center based on said near-match between a travel transaction and a charge transaction.~~

~~adding said near match a list of merchant record near-matches;~~

~~upon approval, combining said list of merchant record matches and said list of merchant record near-matches;~~

~~generating a report comprising said list of merchant record matches and said list of merchant record near-matches; and~~

~~verifying said report is in balance with said card-account balance.~~

12.   (currently amended) The ~~method~~ <u>system</u> of claim 11<u>,</u> ~~wherein said step of matching said plurality of merchant records and said plurality of charge transactions comprises searching~~ <u>further configured to search</u> for a common set of numbers within said <u>travel record and said first data</u> ~~merchant data and said card data~~.

13.   (currently amended) The ~~method~~ <u>system</u> of claim 11<u>,</u> further ~~comprising the step of identifying~~ <u>configured to identify</u> a basic matching criteria.

14. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 13, further ~~comprising the step of confirming~~ configured to confirm said association ~~merchant record match~~ by matching all of a plurality of basic matching criteria between said travel record and said first data ~~merchant data and said card data~~.

15. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 14, further ~~comprising the step of confirming said merchant record match~~ further configured to confirm said association by matching a set of client-defined criteria.

16. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 11, ~~wherein said verifying step comprises the steps of~~ further configured to:

~~calculating~~ calculate a first list total by tallying together a dollar amount associated with a matched plurality of a first charges to a plurality of first amounts ~~from each of said merchant record matches from said list of merchant record matches~~;

~~calculating~~ calculate a second list total by tallying together a dollar amount associated with a nearly-matched plurality of a second charges to a plurality of first data ~~from each of said merchant record non-matches~~;

~~calculating~~ calculate a third list total by tallying together a dollar amount from each of a plurality of ~~said~~ unapproved ~~merchant record~~ near-matches ~~from said third list~~;

~~calculating~~ calculate an ending balance by subtracting said first list total and said third list total from a balance of said account ~~said card account balance~~; and

~~comparing~~ compare said ending balance with said second list total.

Claims 17-24 (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions, the plurality of instructions comprising: ~~A computer program embodying instructions executable by a computer for reconciling a merchant account to a card account balance, the instruction steps comprising:~~

instructions to match a first charge to a first amount of a travel record, wherein a department code is associated with said travel record, and wherein said travel record includes said first amount and first data;

instructions to match a first charge to said first amount of said travel record;

instructions to assign said first charge to said department code;

instructions to associate a second charge with said first data of said travel record, wherein said travel record does not include said second charge, and wherein said second charge is associated with a change to said travel record;

instructions to assign said second charge to said department code associated with said travel record.

~~an auto-reconciliation process comprising the steps of:~~

~~receiving a plurality of travel transactions relating to at least one of: an air carrier ticket, lodging, and car rental from a first database, wherein said first database is a Customer Reservations System (CRS) of a travel agent;~~

~~receiving, from a second database, a plurality of charge transactions relating to purchases made using a charge account, wherein said second database is at a financial account issuer;~~

~~matching said plurality of travel transactions and a plurality of charge transactions based upon first criteria, wherein said first criteria includes at least one of: account number, passenger name, transaction amount, booking fee, and ticket number;~~

~~determining a client cost center based on said match upon identifying said match between a travel transaction and a charge transaction;~~

~~identifying a near-match among said plurality of travel transactions and said plurality of charge transactions within a predetermined tolerance level based upon secondary criteria; and,~~

~~determining said client cost center based on said near-match between said travel transaction and said charge transaction.~~

26.   (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ medium of claim 25, wherein said association is determined based on first criteria ~~comprises~~ comprising a basic matching criteria and ~~said~~ a second criteria ~~comprises~~ comprising a client-specific criteria.

27.   (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ medium of claim 26 further comprising verifying the presence of all basic matching criteria and all client-specific criteria.

28.   (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ medium of claim 25, wherein said ~~merchant account~~ travel record comprises a travel account.

29.   (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ medium of claim 25, wherein said ~~merchant account comprises~~ travel record relates to at least one of: air travel ~~airline~~, lodging or rental car.

30.   (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ medium of claim 26 ~~28~~, wherein said basic matching criteria ~~first criteria~~ comprises ~~said~~ an individual's name, a ticket number, a card number, and a dollar amount.

31.   (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ medium of claim 25 further comprising compiling a list of two or more transactions that when summed equal zero.

32.   (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ medium of claim 25, further comprising accepting ~~commands~~ a command to edit said travel record ~~one of said plurality of travel transactions~~.

33.   (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ medium of claim 32 ~~25~~, further comprising programming to authenticate a user prior to acceptance of said command ~~commands~~.

34.   (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ medium of claim 25, further comprising a report generation process.

35.   (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a plurality of travel transactions relating to at least one of: an air carrier ticket, lodging, and car rental from a first database, wherein said first database is a Customer Reservations System (CRS) of a travel agent.

36.   (new) The method of claim 35, further comprising receiving, from a second database, a plurality of charge transactions relating to purchases made using a charge account, wherein said second database is at a transaction account management system.

37.   (new) The method of claim 36, further comprising storing said plurality of travel transactions and said plurality of charge transactions on a pending list within a database of said computing device.

38.   (new) The method of claim 37, further comprising matching said plurality of travel transactions and a plurality of charge transactions based upon first criteria, wherein said first criteria includes at least one of: account number, passenger name, transaction amount, booking fee, and ticket number.

39.   (new) The method of claim 38, further comprising determining a client department code based on said match upon identifying said match between a travel transaction and a charge transaction.

40.   (new) The method of claim 39, further comprising identifying a near-match among said plurality of travel transactions and said plurality of charge transactions within a predetermined tolerance level based upon secondary criteria.

41.   (new) The method of claim 40, further comprising determining said department code based on said near-match between said travel transactions and said charge transactions